

**Town of La Pointe Zoning
Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2012**

Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present: Ted Pallas, Chair, Charles Brummer, Vice-Chair, Suellen Soucek, Carey Baxter, Joan Martin, Greg Thury, Larry Whalen (7).

Town Plan Commission Members Absent: none.

Public Present: Mike Starck, Paul Brummer, Lois Carlson, Dave Thomas, Charlie Meech, Kate Bortell, Lisa Potswald (7).

Town Staff Members Present: Jen Croonborg-Murphy (arrives at 6:00 pm), ZA, Margaretta Kusch, ZCA (2).

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Pallas called the Meeting to order at 5:40 PM at the La Pointe Town Hall. Roll call reflected members present or absent as recorded above.

II. Public Comment

Mike Starck asks if and how the public can suggest Zoning Ordinance text changes. Chair Pallas responds that a letter just needs to be submitted with the suggestion. The Town Plan Commission is waiting to hold a Public Hearing until there is a large list of changes, rather than holding Public Hearings every time a couple of changes come up.

Paul Brummer feels that the previous joint meeting with the Town Board was very inspirational.

Dave Thomas feels that the previous joint meeting with the Town Board was productive but that the Town Plan Commission was too easy on the Town Board regarding the decision process in deciding Conditional Use Permits.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting, April 19, 2012

Insert title of agenda item III ("*III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes*").

G. Thury moves to approve as amended the Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of April 19, 2012. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 6 aye, 1 abstain (C. Brummer). Motion carries.

IV. Zoning Administrator's Report

V. Consideration and/or Action of Permit Applications

Chair Pallas makes a motion to move Old Business up at this point. G. Thury seconds. All in favor, 7 aye. Motion carries.

VI. New Business

a. Ordinance interpretation re: Craftivity, Inc., 978 Middle Rd., LP # 014-00178-0200. Concern raised at Annual Town Meeting: are rental permits required?

The Zoning Administrator states that Attorney Fauerbach will be giving an opinion on this question. The uncertainty is whether the student housing and farmhouse at MISA require rental permits. The Town's

treasurer charges accommodation tax on hotel and motel rooms and rental of family dwellings. The Zoning Administrator is unsure if MISA's rooms are considered seasonal recreational dwellings.

Chair Pallas states that Greg Nelson has spoken to the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding this situation, and that there are questions still unanswered. He feels that the item shouldn't be discussed at this meeting until the opinions of Attorney Fauerbach and the Town Association have been received.

Lois Carlson asks whether the Madeline Island Music Camp is required to have rental permits. The Zoning Administrator responds that the MIMC doesn't, as it's licensed as a camp, and has different regulations as such.

VII. Old Business

a. Discuss process of updating Technical Memorandum #3 subdivision regulations for the Town of La Pointe

Chair Pallas believes that the updating process should be completed in about four workshops or so. He also states that the Town's Foreman, Keith Sowl, should be part of the process due to his expertise in the matter.

There is a consensus that the updating process should be undertaken in October, after Applefest, so that full attention can be given.

b. Application for Multiple Family Dwelling: review and possibly approve draft

L. Whalen moves to postpone this item until the next meeting. G. Thury seconds. All in favor, 7 aye. Motion carries.

c. Zoning Ordinance interpretation: is a greenhouse a minor accessory structure?

The uncertainty here is at what point a greenhouse become an accessory structure and therefore need a permit. It was decided at the previous meeting that if a greenhouse was attached to a building and/or on a slab, it would be considered an accessory structure and need a permit. A greenhouse less than one hundred square feet would be considered a minor accessory structure.

It's agreed that more background information is needed. Permit history (or lack thereof) of various greenhouses on the island will be copied, as well as excerpts from the Zoning Ordinances of other Wisconsin towns regarding greenhouse regulations.

Chair Pallas makes a motion to move back to New Business. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 7 aye. Motion carries.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- Application for Multiple Family Dwelling: review and possibly approve draft
- Zoning Ordinance interpretation: is a greenhouse a minor accessory structure?

IX. Schedule Future Meetings

- Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting to be held Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 4:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

G. Thury moves to adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 6:10 pm.

Town Plan Commission minutes respectfully submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Thursday, May 03, 2012.

Town Plan Commission minutes approved as amended by M. Kusch, ZCA Thursday, May 17, 2012.

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